

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the submissions forwarded 27 February 2002 is requested and earnestly solicited. Moreover, it is respectfully contended that all claims now pending in the above identified Patent Application recite a novel and not obvious method which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, the allowance of all claims now pending is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Very respectfully,

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